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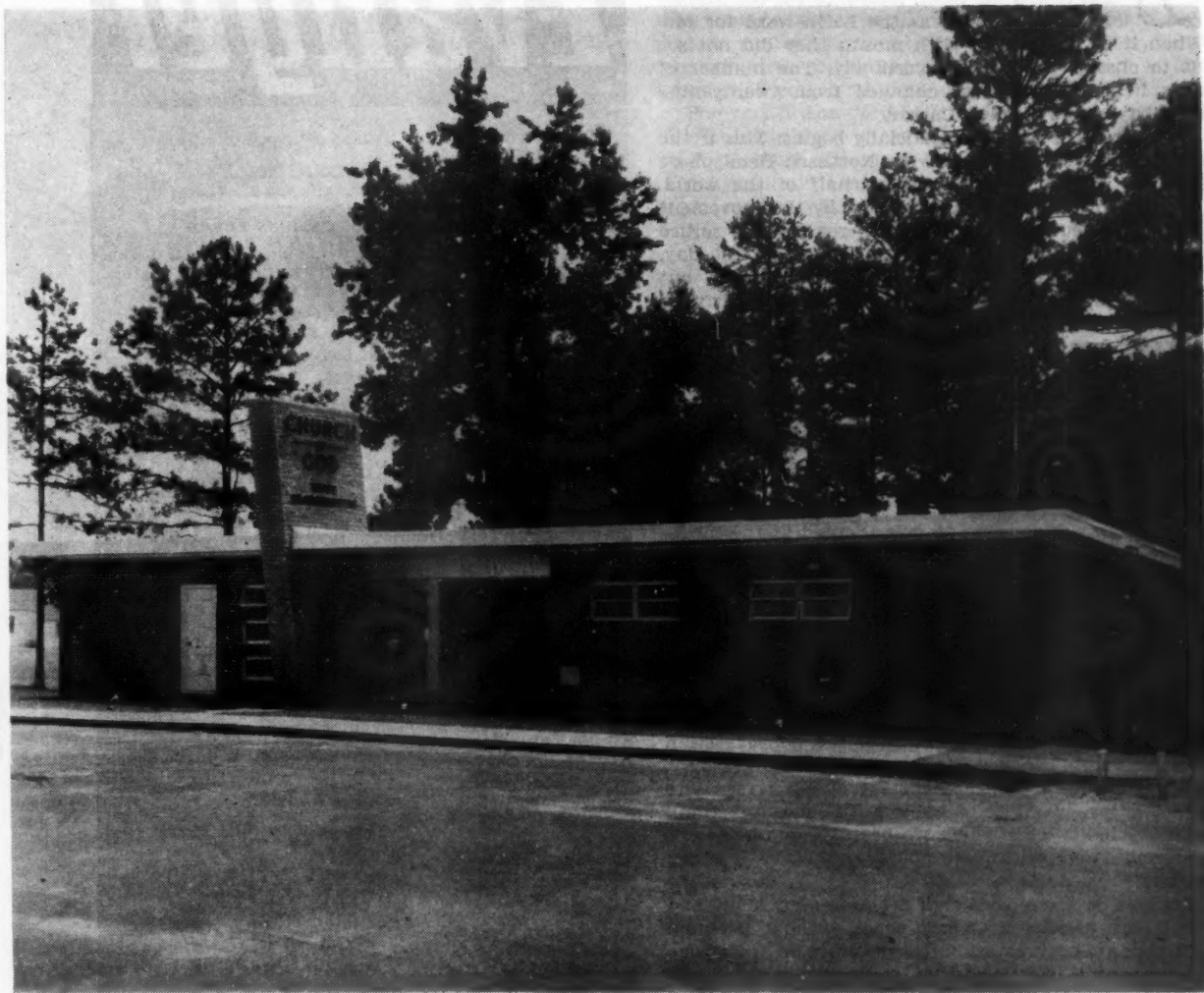
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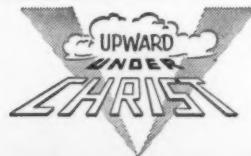
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Beautiful New Georgia State Office Building, Doraville.

The Child

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DECEMBER

By Avis Swiger

*I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat,
Of "peace on earth, good will to men!"*

—Longfellow

D ECEMBER RECEIVED its name from the fact that it was the tenth month of the old Roman calendar. *Decem* was the Latin word for ten. When it became the twelfth month they did not see fit to change the name accordingly. The number of days in the month was changed from twenty-nine to thirty-one by Julius Caesar.

On December 22 winter officially begins. This is the shortest day in the year in the Northern Hemisphere and the longest in the southern half of the world. The length of the days is governed by the movement of the sun southward and when it reaches the solstice or most southern point, we have the shortest day.

There are many important days in December, but they are all eclipsed by the great holiday Christmas. Except for this season of good will, December might be a dreary month, indeed; but the love and fellowship of the Yuletide give a warmth and glow to it that is not experienced at any other season.

We have no record of the beginning of the Christmas festival, but it seems to have dated far back into the time of the early Church. In the fifth century it was spoken of in the writings of early Church fathers as a custom of long standing. It was mentioned by Clement of Alexandria. December 25 was adopted as the birthday of Christ in 354 A.D. No record of His birthday had been kept and so different dates were observed until the Catholic church, under Bishop Liberius, stabilized it and all churches have accepted that as the date for celebrating His birth.

Many customs of the season have come down to the Christian church from heathenism. That does not necessarily mean that we should not partake of them, however. The custom of giving gifts is a non-Christian one, but we use the idea in connection with God's great Gift to the world as the basis for giving presents to those we love. The use of holly, a tree, a yule log and even the lights with which we beautify our homes, is borrowed from sun worshippers and other heathen religious ceremonies.

Let this be a real season of peace in your heart and life. There can be no world peace without personal soul-peace. The greatest gift you can give to anyone this season is the lesson of the serenity of a life fully dedicated to God. While the hours of natural daylight are the shortest of the year, we can let the "sunlight of God's love" so shine through us that there will be no dark places.

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Editorials

Charles W. Conn

The Georgia - Wisconsin Program

A recent evangelistic program of Georgia and Wisconsin is worthy of notice and commendation. Wisconsin is a mission state in the Church of God, which means that it lacks the strength to sponsor the evangelistic program it deserves. Georgia is stronger in both ministerial numbers and finances, so an evangelistic team was sent to assist the Wisconsin churches.

A year or so ago, W. E. Johnson, Overseer of Georgia, visited the churches in Wisconsin and conceived the idea of sending evangelists to the state. This year, the ministers of Georgia accepted this as a home mission program for the state and selected a team of five to conduct evangelistic campaigns in Wisconsin. Paul T. Stover of North Rome conducted a meeting in Kenosha; Tommy Harper of Rossville went to Crandon; Ariel S. Yorkman of Marietta went to Green Bay; Kelland Jeffords of Griffin went to Antigo; and Charles S. Clark of the Southside church in Atlanta went to Prairie du Chien.

Word comes from W. J. (Bill) Brown, Overseer of Wisconsin, that the five revivals were a great blessing in the state. He is enthusiastic about the plan and the results. So is Overseer Johnson, of Georgia.

None of the revivals achieved phenomenal results, although there were an appreciable number of conversions, but the program was successful in every way. The Georgia team was able to become acquainted with the work of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin churches were blessed by revivals they could not otherwise have had. From Wisconsin comes a report that there was an increase in Sunday School attendance, an increase in church offerings and an appreciable number were converted. Overseer Brown has written, "I attended each of these meetings at least once and thoroughly enjoyed the messages and fellowship of these fine men of God. . . . On behalf of our pastors and their churches, I express our sincere appreciation to the Reverend W. E. Johnson, Overseer of Georgia, whose brain child this mission was, and to his fine State Council who with like vision authorized the expenditure of the necessary funds. . . . I know our

churches have been strengthened and that we will continue to reap a harvest as a result of the faithful sowing on the part of these gifted evangelists."

From Georgia comes the report that some of the churches in that state are now sponsoring projects to help the needy churches in Wisconsin. Hot water heaters, church signs and other church equipment will be sent to the mission state.

This is an excellent demonstration of fellowship and mutual labor; this is the type of vision that will create understanding, good will, fellowship, and will strengthen the work of the Lord. How many overseers of mission states have longed for revivals but have been unable to arrange them because of a lack of workers or a lack of finance. No one but these men can know the hopelessness that is theirs in such circumstances. Our stronger states usually have workers who are willing to go and financial means to send them, so it appears that the Georgia-Wisconsin program is one worthy of commendation and duplication.

The report now is that in April or May a team of five ministers from Tennessee, under the direction of W. C. Byrd, will go to Wisconsin and Minnesota for another series of meetings. All of us are hopeful that good results will again be achieved.



A Personal Message from the Editor

IT IS MY SINCERE hope that you find in this issue of the *Evangel* the sort of reading that will inspire, inform and interest you—and not only in this issue, but in each one you receive at any time. This is my earnest and constant prayer.

Each issue is prepared for *you*, with you and your interests in mind. Each issue is edited with concern and love, with the prayer that it will be a blessing to your home as well as to your heart. My efforts are always to make each issue a piece of constructive Christian literature, spiritual, profound, simple, readable and attractive, that will be appealing to every member of your household. It is your *Evangel*, and I always welcome suggestions from you that will make it better.

It is my sincere belief that the *Evangel* in 1958 will be better than ever. You may be sure that we are already hard at work to make it so.

But now we need your assistance. Will you please help us by trying to secure one new subscription to the *Evangel*? On page 15 a form is provided for your use. If you are a regular subscriber personally, surely there is a friend or neighbor who will subscribe if you ask. If you are not a subscriber, will you please send in your subscription so you can receive the *Evangel* regularly? If you will help us now, I assure you as editor that throughout the year you will receive in your *Evangel* that which will help you.

THE CHILD

By E. E. Coleman

Pastor, New Castle, Indiana

PART V

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CHARACTER BUILDING

Part One — Home and Parents

THIS SECTION IS NOT intended to teach the science of the mind in its many aspects and functions, or to offer an investigation of mental phenomena associated with conscious behavior. We do propose, however, to discuss the problems of the environment, to consider some of the inherent qualities derived from parents, and to investigate the control of character through Bible training.

Environment is the most powerful factor in character development; *home* is the greatest factor of the environment. The home controls the influence of heredity. The childhood and youth are usually spent in the home; and it is during this period that impressions which will be the controlling factor in determining the character of the adult are stamped on the mind.

Character is largely fashioned and molded by the thoughts, opinions, feelings, emotions, and the moral conditions of the home. The conversation that flows around the child leaves a lasting impression; and often, the seeds of hate, fear, prejudice, love, hope, etc., are sown in the mind during this time.

Trouble between the mother and father causes the child to suffer irreparable loss of love and respect for one of them, and usually both of them. Most children will take sides with one or the other of their parents when trouble comes between them. Although they may never express their position to either of the parents, they will always entertain feelings of hate, love, fear, trust, confidence, doubt, jealousy, remorse, anxiety, or other emotions, which will either help

build great and good characters or leave scars in the souls of the children that will go with them through life.

If the child is scarred too deeply, he may never be able to outgrow it, and may develop a most hateful, detestable, and undesirable character. There are only two alternatives for such a poor soul; the one most people find and follow is naturally the one of least resistance — SIN. But sin will end in miserable failure, and death will find the soul without God. The other way out, for the frustrated child, is Jesus, and the way of salvation. This will take away most of the awful character produced in sin, and will actually heal most of the scars, as the child partakes of the divine nature, through the promises of God (2 Peter 1:4).

The child needs understanding, love, correction, training, and protection, as much as he needs food, shelter, and clothing. The food, shelter, and clothing usually take about nine-tenths of the father's time, and a big part of the mother's; so that only a very small amount of time and attention is given to loving, understanding, and protecting the child. When little Mary goes to her mother with some of those important things, and finds her cleaning house, cooking, sewing, reading a novel, watching television, or just relaxing, and her mother gives her the brush-off just because she does not want to take time to listen to Mary's problem; then a *gap* is formed between mother and child.

When little Frank has grown hungry for love—as all normal children do—and goes to his father and climbs up on his knee, only to have his father place him on the nearest chair or on the floor, while he



strolls off to other activities; then a *gap* is formed between father and son.

There will come a time, in most cases, when mother and father would give the world if they could just bridge that gap! But it is usually too late, and Mary and Frank are out of reach. The same is true of the son and daughter; they often look across that gap, and their mother and father seem so far away, and the gap appears to them as an uncrossable gulf—and it sometimes is such. So the mother and father grow old watching Mary and Frank grow away from them. It is not so hard to see children go away when they are still connected by love, respect, fellowship, and goodwill, for these things can bridge the miles between; but what grief, what remorse, what stark tragedy, to see them *grow away*, and watch the gap become an uncrossable gulf!

Em (ame), the Hebrew word for mother, means a bond for holding the family together. But the cigarette-smoking, beer-drinking, paint-besmeared, bleary-eyed, half-dressed female, that some poor little children are forced to call mother is hardly a dependable bond for holding a proper home together. As the right kind of mother is the strongest influence for good; even so, the wrong kind of mother is the greatest power for evil.

"The future destiny of the child rests with the mother"—Napoleon. "Children are what their mothers are"—Landor. "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my darling mother"—Lincoln. "One thing is better than a wife, that is a mother"—Schafer. "The mother's heart is the child's school room"—H. W. Beecher. All these men had learned the importance of motherhood in forming good character.

It is said that the child gets one-half its character from the mother and father, one-fourth from grandparents, and one-eighth from great-grandparents. So you see how important it is that the father and mother be of a well-disposed nature.

Adults, realizing that they have developed undesirable characters, may educate themselves in the philosophy of social, moral, and business ethics; and overcome some of the evil characteristics by a practical application of these rules to their lives; or they may have enough will power to become a self-made person—there are a few such persons around. Or they may turn to Jesus and be born again. This is, by far, the best thing to do, as this new birth actually makes them a new creature in Christ; and gives them the opportunity to start life anew!

Neither education nor will power can do what Jesus can for the deformed, warped, hateful, unlovely characters that some of us have. Although these things are very good in their places, they can do nothing for us when we come to die. Only Jesus can, and will, go into eternity with us (John 3:1-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 3:9).

The following Scriptures show the power of the Bible and of Bible training in the control of character. Please read these: Proverbs 22:6; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21; Genesis 18:19; Proverbs 23:7; Philipians 4:8.

Life and Love

By Yvonne Alford

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LOVE IS NOT AN emotion or a state of mind. Love is a state of being—a spiritual state of being that can only be entered into by the spirit. The spirit is that part of man that feels, that part that affects and is effected, that part of man that lives. Love may be a season, or a time, or a bowl of beans, or a messed-up dresser, but love is not a thing within itself. It is connected with something or someone. It cannot survive alone. Loneliness breeds selfishness and love is inexorably unselfish. True love is never singular. It overflows and develops itself into an insatiable plurality. A plurality that knows no barriers, that envelopes all and blesses all.

It is not that love is blind. Love is forgiving. Love sees but love understands. Understanding is its most salient feature. It sets no standard but sincerity. The vicissitudes of love are few. It was not born of its own power and it cannot long exist of its own power. It was born of inspiration and thusly it must be nourished. Its very life is the personification of happiness, happiness in its purest form. While unconquerable, love may be annihilated. It will not, however, simply die. Even when severely wounded it is invulnerably formidable. Its death is a thing of art, so beautifully tragic that it is ineffable.

Our reason for loving is our reason for living. We must belong. The surest way to belong is to be loved. We may establish a place for ourselves through wealth. We may be respected and belong because of achievement. Our place in society may have been inherited. None of these, however, are absolute. They can become so minute by comparison that they are incognizable. If we belong because we are loved, no power can uproot us. We may be a complete stranger in our locale and looked upon as an outsider, nay, an imposter; nonetheless there is an innate presence of belonging if we love and are loved. Subconsciously, we realize that if we love long enough and hard enough, we shall be loved in return. Our first encounter with love may be very demanding and exacting. If the first attempt is unsuccessful, however, we become more flexible by degrees and even docile until success is attained. Frequently at this point our entire attitude has changed. We see through different eyes. Were we to view our present victory with the expectant audacity that we first began our campaign, our elation would possibly be less profuse. However, this is not the case. We have found love. It has blended in all heterogenous elements and the who, when, why, and where are wholly irrelevant.

Life and love are synonymous. To live one must love. To love is to live. The depth to which one lives (Continued on page 12)

YOU MUST DIG THE BAIT

By Lawrence Weaver
Shawnee, Oklahoma

"That after you have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise," Hebrews 10:36.

"Sitting still and wishing
Makes no person great;
The good Lord sends the fishing,
But you must dig the bait."

JHERE IS A GREAT lesson in this for every Christian. It has been said, "You don't get something for nothing." This is true even in our Christian experience.

You and I would call the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2 an old-time holiness meeting. The Holy Ghost came so forcefully He sounded like a "rushing mighty wind." The people were so seized by this mighty power that they staggered as though they were drunk. Someone even said, "These men are full of new wine." This gave the Apostle Peter a starting point for his great Pentecostal sermon. He began by answering the skeptics, "These are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." At the conclusion of his message people came rushing to him saying, "What shall we do?" Peter gave them instructions about how to be saved. Three thousand souls accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Hallelujah! This was a service long to be remembered.

The question which comes to me is, why did they have such a visitation from God? Why such a harvest of souls? Did all this accidentally happen? Were they just lucky? No, the answer is much deeper than this. Someone had to pay the price.

Let us go back to the time previous to this great event. In Luke 24:49 we read: "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." As they made their way to the upper room in obedience to their Master, opposition began to arise. Relatives said, "Don't go, children, you'll bring a reproach on the whole family." But they marched forward. Their religious leaders of that day cried aloud saying, "They have departed from the faith." But they marched forward. Praise God! Any individual or group that will dare to step out, believe and obey the words of God is in for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost, resulting in a great harvest of souls. The greatest need in our time is a mighty revival to sweep our churches throughout the world. This will happen

when God's people realize they have a part to play in the great program of God.

The blind man in John 9 had a great part to play in receiving his healing. Jesus anointed his eyes with clay and spittle and then commanded him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. The clay had no healing substance, neither had the water, but because he obeyed the command of Christ he could afterward say, "I was blind but now I see." Some have not received healing because they will not heed the voice of God. Some things He commands us to do are difficult. Some are not. Whatever may be the case, we must be fully yielded to the will of God.

Peter went to the housetop and prayed until results came. God gave him a vision that taught him a valuable lesson.

Naaman washed in Jordan. The result—he was healed of a terrible disease, leprosy.

The woman touched the hem of His garment—she was healed by the power of God.

Because Peter was proclaiming the great truths of God, the enemies of Christ had him put into prison. As Peter slept one night between two guards the cell lit up and a voice spoke to Peter, saying, "Arise . . . , bind on thy sandals." His hour of deliverance had come. To me this is a beautiful picture of the delivering power of God. What is the secret of this miraculous deliverance? It was not Peter's personality, because God looks on the heart and not on the outward appearance. Was Peter God's special pet? No, because God is no respecter of persons.

You will find the answer by reading Acts 12:5, "But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." Oh, what a lesson for the modern church to learn. There are people who live behind spiritual walls that only the power of God can break down. This will happen when God's Church gets in one accord and seeks God until deliverance comes.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God says if you will, I will. This has been God's plan throughout generations. The present one is no exception. We must remember the writing of James that faith without works is dead, being alone.

Do you want to see your church grow? Then remember if you will work, God will work. "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8).

Do you want to be healed by the divine power of God? You can, but you have a part to play, faith and full obedience to God.

Are you bound? Or do you know someone that is bound? Would you like for deliverance to come? Remember God is your Deliverer when you earnestly seek His face in faith.

God has many rich blessings for us both spiritually and materially, but we, through faith and obedience, must reach out and get them.

God makes the nice fish that swim in the lake; He even makes the water that is in the lake, but we must dig the bait and do the fishing.

Matthew 16:27, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

TEENS IN TROUBLE

By Ruben L. Dabi

THIS KNOW . . . perilous times shall come" (2 Timothy 3:1-6). These times have come as far as the teens are concerned. There has been an increase of forty-five per cent in law infractions (by those caught) by our youth in the last five years. With the great growth in our nation's population, F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover estimates that in the next generation the juveniles will commit 15.8 million burglaries alone if the crime rate stays as it is now.

Delinquents are being produced because of the type of homes from which they come. Mothers and dads have a house for them, but not a home. Mother believes that they just cannot get along on the income of the father, so she says that she must work. The family does not do things together, but each member goes his own way. The Lord's Day is simply a day for pleasure.

Beer and liquor have so entered the home that the adolescent becomes accustomed to it and does not think there is anything wrong with a bottle of beer. If it can be in the home, as it is in many modern homes, why can't he get some when he is out on a date?

It is parents who don't care, who are selfish, and who are pleasure- and money-seekers that produce so many delinquents. These problem cases do not come because of slums, or poverty, for there are many wealthy delinquents. The parent is the first contributor to the life of the delinquent teen-ager.

Teens get into trouble and become delinquents because the churches are not geared to meet their needs. The thinking of the churches has been slow to see what can be done for all teen-agers. They have been slow to change their methods in reaching teens. They have been slow to provide the leaders. They have been slow to offer their buildings for teen-age usage.

In other words, the church has been geared for the model-T age, not for the jet age. This has caused the loss of a generation of teen-agers from our churches. One of the perennial problems of our Sunday Schools is, "Why do we lose our youth when they reach the ages of 12 through 18?" We have delinquents in America; over seventy-five per cent of them have not been touched for Christ.

Teens are in trouble because of personal *desecration*. In the sixteenth century the great French philosopher, Montaigne, criticized the educational system of his day. "Its aim," he wrote, "has been to make us not good and wise but learned, and it has succeeded. It has not taught us to follow and embrace virtue or wisdom but has impressed upon us their derivation and etymology."

Our present educational system, based on John

Dewey's philosophy, is producing intelligent but not morally sound teen-agers. The best that the high school authorities in one fair-sized town can do is to suggest and promote an all-night prom and date affair which is supposed to be chaperoned. This will bring moral desecration to many a young man and woman.

J. Edgar Hoover has said, "Our moral code is warped." Daniel Webster said in the halls of Congress, "The Bible is our only safeguard . . . relegate it from our lives, and a catastrophe will strike." The catastrophe is here. The morality of the teen-ager is corrupt. The amount of teaching or intelligence makes no difference.

I spent four and one-half years in military service during World War II. I know what the modern young man thinks, says and does. He will desecrate his moral code when he is set free from the bond of his home and church. The modern means of communication through the magazine, the radio, and television certainly are not giving him a high moral tone, let alone a Christian morality.

What motivates the youth? What makes them do what they do? Certainly we can say that they have a false view of life. Where do they get this false view? They get it through their homes, schools, churches, and the various means of communication. All of it comes from adults. The young people recreate what they have seen and heard. The examples have been set for them for they are good hero-worshippers. They want to follow some leader. They desire an outlet for their energy, for their enthusiasm, for their ideas, and these will be expressed in some form. Sometimes it takes the form of violent crime; other times, just in a fast burst of speed in a modern hot-rod.

These young people have a certain set of values, of course. These values usually correspond to the prevalent values in their particular group or area where they live.

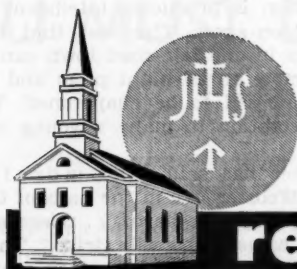
Another trouble the teens have is *destitution*. Insecurity is the top reason for delinquency, according to the report by the Senate Committee headed by Senator Robert C. Hendrickson of New Jersey. The young people feel they are not wanted, that they do not fit into society, and that they face an uncertain future. This type of teen-agers come from well-to-do families as well as from poor ones. They are destitute of parental love and affection. The parents drink too much. They have no decent type of home discipline and order. There is family discord. There is no family recreation. Few of these get much religious training. Consequently, the children become bored with life and seek companionship outside of the home.

Why do teenagers get together in gangs? They want fellowship, security, and the sense of being wanted and needed. They are destitute for real love and fellowship. They are destitute for leadership so they form their own.

Who is going to be interested in them? . . . parents? . . . others, outside of the church?

Why do teen-agers get together in gangs? They

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reports

CORNERSTONE LAYING—Georgia Office Building



The above picture was taken during the cornerstone laying for the new state office building. There was an impressive dedication ceremony for the three buildings just prior to the laying of the cornerstone. Brief messages and Scripture reading were given by Brother W. E. Johnson, the State Overseer of Georgia, and Earl P. Paulk, Jr., member of the building committee. The dedicational prayer was offered by Brother G. R. Watson, member of the state council. Brother Clyde Hannah, a layman, was the building superintendent of the project and is seen in the picture placing the cornerstone for the office building. Others present are Wallace Swilley, Youth Director; Clarence Busby, Secretary-Treasurer; Floyd Carey Jr., Secre-

tary; Hubert Norris, W. E. Wright, Tommie Harper, D. T. Toler, P. H. Hammond, A. H. Giffin, E. E. O'Neal, and Clyde N. Bolt, members of the state council.

State Building Project

For several years now the ministers in the State of Georgia have realized the need for a new state office building with adequate space and facilities to accommodate our needs as a growing church organization. Month by month the activities and responsibilities of the Church of God are expanding, and nowhere is this reflected more than here at the state office.

Too, it has been in the minds of the ministers for some time to build

a new state parsonage and youth director's home. However, these things, although needed, had to wait until the campground was developed and paid for and then the tabernacle was enlarged and renovated.

At our Ministers' Prayer Conference at Savannah, Georgia, in January of this year, it was decided to go ahead with this project. A forty-two-acre tract of land adjoining the campground was purchased, and the frontage was reserved for the three buildings mentioned above. The remaining portion of the forty-two acres is being developed into sub-division lots, and we hope that the state office will clear enough from these to pay for the land where our buildings were placed.

The buildings are all finished and occupied now; the new buildings are quite a contrast to the old dwellings that did occupy this space, and make a lovely view as you come into the entrance of our campground property. Their value as an enhancement to our campground property alone could hardly be overestimated.

Many of our members and most of the ministers saw these buildings during our state camp meeting in July. Although everyone expressed himself in his own particular way, here are some of the comments that were voiced most often—"I'm glad that I am a part of a church organization that is progressive enough to do things like this"; "Thank God for blessing us and enabling us to do things like this," etc.

This project was planned with our future progress in mind, should the Lord tarry. The two homes were designed to meet the needs of almost any family, and the state office building should be adequate for years to come.

Over and over again we thank God for the way He has blessed us. We have dedicated these buildings to His service and trust that He will help all of us to rededicate ourselves to the salvation of lost souls and the building up of the kingdom of God.

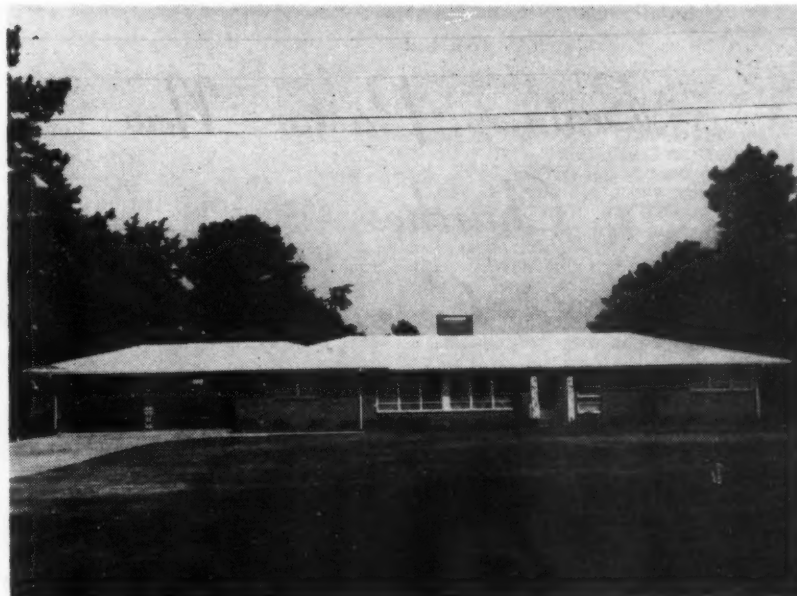
As you can see from the picture, the state office building is built on a modern design. It is brick veneer with overall dimensions of 30 x 68 feet. From the entrance, with glass front, one enters into a large, roomy reception room which is panelled with treated gray pine that was sandblasted to make the grain of the wood stand out (this produces a very beautiful effect). Just in front and extending to the right of the reception is a large

office, 12 x 28 feet, which has space for the state secretary-treasurer, houses all of the state records, has a walk-in vault, and also serves as office space for the office secretary. A large glass window, 4 x 12 feet, between the reception room and this office enables business to be transacted speedily and with a minimum of disturbance to the office routine.

A four-foot wide hall leads from the right of the reception room to the state overseer's office on the left and to the offices of the L.W.W.B. president and state Sunday School and youth director on the right. At the end of the hall there is a large supply and printing room.

Just to the right of the reception room are two large tiled rest rooms and the entrance into the state council conference room. The conference room, 15 x 30 feet, is very impressive with its large conference table and chairs. There is an additional front entrance into the conference room.

All of the offices are panelled; each with its own distinctive wood and coloring. There is a back entrance which serves for both the state overseer's and the secretarial offices. The design and floor plan give a maximum amount of privacy and convenience.



State Parsonage

This handsome ranch-type home is located next to the state office building on one of the most beautiful lots in this section. There are four bedrooms, two and one-half

baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, den, and laundry-utility room upstairs. There is also a patio in the rear separated from the den with sliding glass doors.

Among the features that make this a very beautiful and livable house are tile baths (the master bath has sliding glass shower partition), large master bedroom, fireplace in both den and living room (the hearth and mantle in the den are made of crab orchard stone), ample closet space, carpeted floors, modern kitchen with bronze-colored appliances and cabinets to match, two-car carport, aluminum frame windows, and ornamental iron trim on carport, front entrance and patio.

There is also a partial basement with recreation room, bath with shower, and utility room.

State Youth Parsonage

The state Sunday School and youth director's parsonage is very similar in design to the state parsonage. It is smaller, having three bedrooms with two baths and no basement. Most of the other features are very much the same. It has a side porch with a one-car garage rather than a two-car garage. Also, it has a very smartly arranged kitchen-den combination.

The youth parsonage is located just across the street from the state parsonage on a beautiful wooded lot.—Clarence Busby, Sec.-Treas.



Brothers Pastor New Churches in Georgia

Though these two McBrayer brothers are young (David C., 27 years old; R. Terrell, 25 years old), they have already done a good work for their Master. The following are reports of their new church buildings which were dedicated in April and June of this year. We pray that God's richest blessings will continue to rest upon these two young men as they work for Him.

The Church of God in Nashville, Georgia, was organized by the Reverend J. R. Sanders in 1931, but the buildings had always been inadequate. When Brother Denmark

King went there the church was in bad need of building funds to build a new church building. While all departments of the church were doing their part in this worthy project, the ladies of the church worked exceptionally hard to earn money for the building fund.

Several projects were started in the L.W.W.B. and all the ladies were enthusiastic. The main project was, as you can see in the picture below, the Friendship Quilt, which was begun in 1955. The ladies asked for donations on this work and each one who gave them 25c or more on the quilt had his

name embroidered on the quilt. By doing this they raised \$36 in quarters. When the picture was made they sold \$11 worth of them; then the quilt was sold for \$50, making a total of \$97. The young people got interested and a number of them began to sell items at school, church and on the street. The men of the church sawed trees and made them into lumber for the new pews for the church. The Y.P.E. raised several hundred dollars on this project.

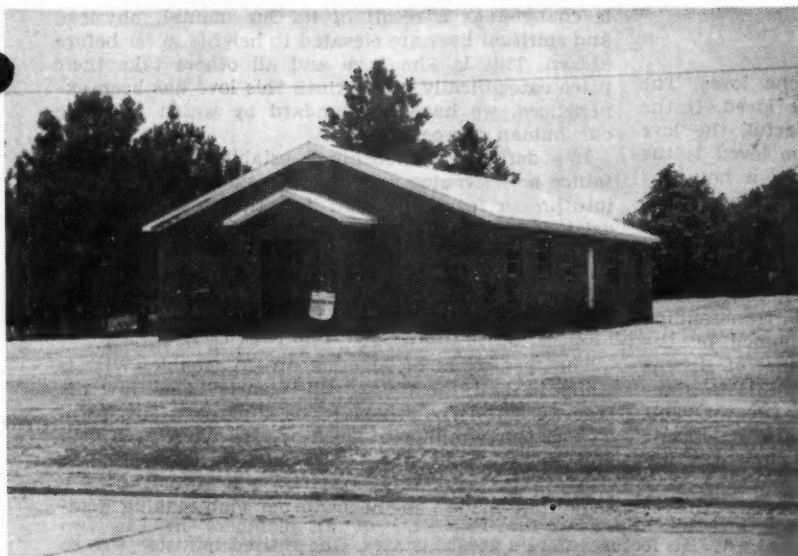
Standing left to right: Sister J. B. Taylor, Sister Annie Mae Wheeler, Sister Denmark King, and Brother King, former pastor, and Sister Ethel Durrance (holding the quilt); Sister Dollie Lewis, Sister Gladys Roberts, Sister Roddie Sermons, Sister Della Graves; seated in chair is Sister S. M. Oberby; kneeling left to right: Glydon King, Gloria Taylor, Martha King, Sarah Wheeler, Glinda Durrance; in the arms of Sister Lewis is little David King, former pastor's son.

When David C. McBrayer was appointed pastor at Assembly time in 1956, he found a group of people willing to work for a much-needed new church building, but with only about \$300 to start. However, they began working, and were able to pour the foundation in November. After much labor and sacrifice on the part of the faithful congregation and their pastor, on the fifth Sunday in June, they dedicated their new church. The lowest estimate by qualified builders had been \$20,000, and at the present, they owe only \$2,800. The building has a kitchen, eight Sunday School rooms, is plastered and painted inside, and is painted outside. The sanctuary is 36 by 56 feet and the Sunday School department is 22 by 68 feet.

God has especially blessed, and during the construction of the building 25 members have been added to the Church.

This beautiful new brick church building in Buchanan, Georgia, stands as a memorial to the determination and hard work of the members and friends of the Church of God there and their faithful pastor, R. Terrell McBrayer.





BUCHANAN, GEORGIA

er. In November, 1956, their church, only two years old at that time, was burned. However, these people refused to be discouraged and give up and in only four months' time had erected this 34 x 64 foot building at a cost of \$12,000. Through sacrifice and hard work they owed

less when this building was completed than they had on the old church. When the new church was dedicated April 21, 1957, the Reverend R. C. Chambers, the first pastor of the church which was organized in 1935, preached the dedicatory message.

—Reporter.



NASHVILLE, GEORGIA

New Church Is Completed in Hurst, Texas

HURST, Tex.—We are proud of our new church here in Hurst, Texas. We purchased the lot in February, 1957. G. P. O'Neal, Jackie Ellis, Luther O'Neal, Joe Trentham, and T. J. O'Neal solicited \$700. Thanks to the state home missions fund who came to our rescue and gave us \$500, we have our \$1,200 lot in the clear.

The church was organized in the home of Brother Joe Trentham on April 27 by our good state overseer, Brother C. W. Collins, and our good district pastor, Brother J. T. Gilliam.

We rented a small house on highway 183, east of Hurst, and started having Sunday School and services. On our first Sunday, May 19, we had 26 in Sunday School. We also organized a Y.P.E. and it has done well. Brother Hershel King is our president. The Ladies' Willing Workers' Band and the Y.P.E. have purchased the older pews at Weatherford for our new church. We have had as many as 40 in Sunday School. Our offering tonight was \$282.40 in Y.P.E. Thank the Lord, \$280 came from Brother Glenn Huett for our brick on our new church.

G. P. O'Neal and Luther O'Neal donated the laying of the brick. Brother Thurman Clay has been our lead carpenter and has done a good job. The whole church has been working together with Brother Clay. The ladies have taken a great part in our new church by serving refreshments to our working men. It has been a wonderful time of fellowship; we have had several wiener roasts at night with our scrap lumber. Even the business people of Hurst have complimented us on our fine work and beautiful church.

This building is 36 by 64 feet, has nursery, rest rooms, ladies' lounge, and a modern 3-room parsonage and Sunday School department. The church has aluminum windows with smoked glass. The building has been appraised at \$15,000 when completed. The tithes are averaging \$200 per month.

—Rev. T. J. O'Neal, pastor

Good Friday will be prayer day for the simultaneous revival which will begin Easter Sunday, running two weeks.

LIFE AND LOVE

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depends upon the depth to which one loves. The quality of love is dependent upon the loved. If the person loved is magnanimously wonderful, the love will be of the same quality. When the loved is the epitome of perfection, the love becomes a holy, intangible, spiritual communion, something that cannot be touched physically, something so deeply embedded within our spirit that worldliness becomes infinitesimal.

God is the criterion by which all greatness and perfection is measured. There can be no transcending power. His magnitude cannot be fathomed by the human mind. We are creatures, a product of His. As such, we cannot know happiness until we have established a definite relationship with our Creator. This relationship can be vague and mediocre, or inconceivably precious and real, so real that our entire life

is changed as a result of it. Our mental, physical, and spiritual lives are elevated to heights never before known. This is The Love and all others take their place categorically below. Until this love has been experienced, we have no standard by which to judge our human "associations."

If a definite relationship is established and maintained between man and God, all other variables come into proper focus and man lives the serene, peaceful existence originally planned for him by his Creator.



TEENS IN TROUBLE

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The teen-agers of America are in trouble. Who is going to ball them out? The courts? The juvenile case workers? The schools? The churches? There will be over thirty million of them by 1960. They need help and they need it NOW.—*The Standard*

Washington-Oregon Camp Meeting Report

On Sunday, July 7 and all day Monday, July 8 as the time for our camp meeting drew closer, our people came up the camp road anticipating one of the greatest camp meetings that the twin states of Washington and Oregon have ever witnessed. God blessed from the very first night when 5 were saved and sanctified and 3 were filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We were unable to get an accurate figure of the experiences received; however, we counted 30 saved, 30 sanctified, and 15 filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The last night of the camp meeting there were 35 seeking salvation in the altar. The Spirit of God warmed our hearts and challenged our lives greatly, and we felt that God could do anything and everything for us. Some of the ministers were moved to say: "This is the greatest in my 14 years' pastoring in this area"; "I have been in Pentecost 43 years and this is the greatest that I have ever attended"; "I have been attending camp meetings before this site was Church of God, and this is the largest attendance that I can remember." We do praise the Lord for these fine reports.

The tabernacle was three-fourths filled the very first night and we increased each night in attendance until by the week end people were standing. Every cabin, the girls' dormitory, and the newly partitioned boys' dormitory were filled to capacity with campers and many rented cabins elsewhere. There were from 80 to 100 attending the day services to worship the Lord. Brother Glen E. Clark, pastor of our new church in Spokane, Washington, was our morning Bible teacher. Brother Clark reached our

people with a message that made them love and appreciate him in a great way. His lectures were a great blessing and I am sure that they will be fruitful for time to come. Brother Paul L. Walker, principal of our West Coast Bible School and also Youth Director of California, preached Friday afternoon, Saturday afternoon for the youth service, and Sunday morning for the missions service; he was at his best. He stirred the people with a desire to love and serve the Lord in such a way that endeared him to our hearts. These great thoughts will long linger in the minds of our people. Otis E. Rushing, M. E. Rundell, and Ira J. Cruce were the local pastors who preached in the camp meeting. I should like to say that these men shared with us their experiences and blessed the congregation with their Spirit-anointed sermons.

The evening speaker, Brother C. R. Spain, Overseer of Michigan, was God's man for that hour with timely messages that filled the need of our people. I have never seen a man more vibrant and saturated with the Holy Ghost than was Brother Spain as he spoke each evening. Service after service the Lord's presence was so great that people were healed, their needs met, and salvation came to many hearts. A lady from another large Pentecostal organization told me that she felt like jumping to her feet one night and crying out, "I want to join the Church of God where there is freedom in the spirit." Brother Spain had come from a large camp in Georgia where he preached to hundreds and hundreds of people; he preached to our group just as if we were a thousand strong. Brother Spain also warmed the hearts of our people with the Pioneers for Christ program; we received 41 new

members in our club making a total of 91 members in the two states. One retired minister was so charged that he offered his services for week end revivals and several other younger ministers came to me offering their services in just any new field endeavor that I selected. After all is said and done, it was a great camp meeting.

The offering exceeded anything that was ever done in these two states by hundreds of dollars. Our orphanage and missions offering increased substantially over last year and every financial need was met. Our people gave and pledged a little over \$1,000 for campground developments when they saw the improvements of the water line, the four new cabins built, the new snack bar and the boys' dormitory that was partitioned off and rented to the campers during the camp meeting. It seemed that every individual was helping to carry the load of this great camp meeting, from the caretaker Brother Lester Barber to the chairman of every committee, and every member of every committee to the cook, Mrs. Mabel Osborne. Brother Paul Hocker, our Youth Director, worked hard both in youth camp and camp meeting to help make our summer camp a success. I feel that God gave a special approval to this camp meeting by anointing every person from the errand boy to the speakers and the state overseer. We all worked together to make this camp meeting the success that it was; only eternity itself will reveal the real dynamics and the ultimate results of this camp. This camp has made history; we shall work together until next year when we hear the cry of camp meeting time and see the campers coming up the campground road expecting another great camp meeting for 1958. —*Estel D. Moore, Overseer*



Lady Evangelist Conducts Successful Revival

SIX MILE, S. C.—We have recently closed what seemed to be one of the greatest revivals to be witnessed in recent years at the Gap Hill Church of God. God met with us in a mighty way during the three-week meeting and poured out His spirit in a gracious way in each service.

Twenty-nine were saved, 22 sanctified, 16 filled with the Holy Ghost, 13 united with the Church and 12 baptized in water. The evangelist, Sister Evelyn Scroggs, worked untiringly in the revival and preached many heart-warming and soul-stirring messages under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

We surely thank God for giving us this wonderful meeting. We desire your prayers that the church will continue to prosper and grow in the Lord, under the able leadership of our good pastor, Brother Earl Roach.

—Frank Knight, reporter

Church Reports Greatest Revival in Ten Years

CAWOOD, Ky.—We are indeed happy to report the wonderful revival which the Lord gave us at Cawood, Kentucky, with the Reverend Bobby Rose of Pryor, Oklahoma as our evangelist. Forty were gloriously saved; 16 consecrated themselves and were sanctified; 14 yielded to the Spirit and were baptized in the Holy Ghost; 20 obeyed the command of the Lord in water baptism; 19 new members were added to the Church, and 2 members were restored to the full fellowship of the Church.

It is commonly reported that this was the greatest revival in the past ten years at Cawood. To say the least we are deeply grateful for the very wonderful visitation of God's holy power and presence which prevailed and still fills our hearts as a result of this great revival.

We at Cawood are especially grateful to our dear Brother Rose, the evangelist, for the consecrated manner in which he conducted this meeting. In my 25 years as a pas-

tor I have never seen an evangelist work so hard. In the pulpit he was master; in the audience during the appeal he was the personal soul-winner; in the altar he was the interceding prayer warrior; in the council room with the new convert he was the wise counselor and teacher; in his relationship with the pastor he was the devoted co-worker and companion in the gospel. Happy will be the church and pastor who are fortunate enough to have Brother Bobby Rose of Pryor, Oklahoma, as their evangelist.

—R. E. Worley, pastor

Several Healings Witnessed During Revival

CLAYTON, Ga.—The Church of God at Clayton, Georgia, recently closed a revival conducted by the Reverend Kreede Bright. Six were saved, 1 sanctified, and 1 added to the Church. Several persons received healing. The whole church was blessed. Brother and Sister Bright have about them a meek, humble spirit; they are willing to be directed by the Holy Ghost.

—Lassie McCall, reporter

Good Fellowship Noted in Revival

HABERSHAM, Tenn.—A wonderful revival has just closed here at Standfield Church of God on Stinking Creek. Evangelist Lloyd McCullah did the preaching with Willie Cook of Four Mile, Kentucky doing the singing. Nine were saved, 3 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. The fellowship from other churches was wonderful. We really appreciate our good pastor, Brother L. E. Keck.

—Church reporter

Church Reports Good Revival

ABILENE, Tex.—We have just closed an eleven-night revival with C. G. Crutcher as the evangelist.

Five were saved, 5 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 5 added to the Church and several healed.

—Reporter

Ten Saved in Haskell Meeting

HASKELL, Tex.—The Haskell Church of God reports a good revival with Brother James Radford as the evangelist. Ten were saved, 3 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost and 3 baptized in water. The revival lasted 11 nights.

—Reporter

415 Saved in Tent Revival

FORT MILL, S. C.—In 4 weeks in great tent revival in Fort Mill and Farmac Mill, South Carolina, 415 came forward to be saved, 200 to be sanctified, 120 to receive the Holy Ghost, 102 to be baptized in water, 33 to join the Church. T. L. Lowery from Galax, Virginia, and Herb Winegar were the evangelists. Old-time holiness was preached. The deaf, dumb, blind, lame, diseased and crippled were healed. Over 1200 attended final service. This is the greatest meeting in this area in years.

—James Goude, Walter R. Pettit, reporters

Church Is Blessed by Wonderful Revival

BOGALUSA, La.—We have just closed a wonderful two-week revival with the Reverend D. E. Crane of Dexter, Missouri. Twenty-three were saved, 10 sanctified, and 10 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was blessed in a wonderful way. Brother Crane is a fine evangelist and is doing a great work for God and the Church of God. The Reverend E. L. Joplin is the pastor.

—Maxine (Yates) Joplin, reporter

Old-time Holiness Evidenced in Revival

SPARTA, Tenn.—The Black Oak Church of God just closed a wonderful revival with Brother Charlie Green from Knoxville, Tennessee. Five were saved, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed by his wonderful messages, preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We thank God for a man like Brother Green who is not afraid to preach old-time holiness.

—B. O. Cantrell, pastor



WHITE

BAXLEY, Ga.—In the early morning of March 18, 1957, a young man who had gone down to an altar of prayer at the Hazlehurst Church of God where God had saved his soul, was on his way to work when an accident occurred; he was fatally injured in a collision with another vehicle on a blind curve. He lived about 4 hours after arriving at the hospital; during this time he constantly talked to the Lord and asked Him to help him in his suffering. I was by his side as he passed into a new life.

This young man was Hubert Lee White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. White, who are members of the Big Oaks Church of God. His maternal grandmother is Sister Ella Ross, a minister who is pastoring at the Edmonds Chapel Church of God. His paternal grandmother is a member of the Hazlehurst Church of God. Several aunts and cousins are also in the Church.

During the few hours he lived after being hurt, he was conscious and talked to his mother and father and his many friends, among whom was a young lady who probably would have meant much to him if he had lived. During his talk with his mother he said, "Mother, if I die I want Brother Tommie Harper to preach my funeral." His wishes were carried out and the Reverend T. A. Harper, pastor of the Rossville Church of God, assisted by the writer, conducted his funeral which was at-

tended by a host of friends; young men who were his companions were the pallbearers, with part of the home guard regiment, of which he was a member, there as honor guard. The many flowers showed the esteem that was held for him and his parents. This home does not seem the same without Hubert, but we believe our loss is heaven's gain. We are expecting to see him again on the resurrection day.

—G. A. Lewis, pastor
Big Oaks Church of God

GRAVES

Mrs. Myrtle Graves, a member of the Church of God for 42 years, passed on to her reward September 23, 1957. She was a faithful member of the Grand Avenue Church in St. Louis, Missouri, at the time of her death. She had this testimony from the host of friends who knew her. "She lived what she professed and possessed a true Christian experience."

—Wayne Heil, pastor

HUGGINS

Sister Maggie Huggins, born March 12, 1877, departed this life September 23, 1957. She was a faithful member of the Lake Wales Church of God for 27 years. She is survived by her husband, Mr.

Ralph D. Huggins, 9 children, 52 grandchildren, and 53 great-grandchildren. She will be missed greatly, as she was a faithful attendant. Her funeral was conducted September 25, 1957, by the Reverend Leon Thomas, pastor, Lake Wales. She was laid to rest at Pleasant Gardens cemetery.

—Carolyn J. Mizon

ROAR

Sister Nina Roar, 46, a devoted and faithful member of the Church of God at Wurtland, Kentucky, passed on to be with Jesus while in service during our tent revival, August 14, 1957. She left this life while reclining in the arms of my wife with the Holy Ghost speaking through her as the Spirit gave utterance.

She was a true and faithful child of God, and although she will be greatly missed by her family, the church and the community, we are certain that our loss is heaven's gain.

Her funeral was conducted by the pastor at the Wurtland Church of God and her body laid to rest in the Rude Cemetery at Flatwoods, Kentucky. —W. G. Lighte, pastor

RING

Brother Ralph Ring, age 40, was killed in a truck crash near Brunswick, Georgia, on the morning of May 25, 1957. His death came as a great shock to his family as well as to the church and community. He is greatly missed by his wife and six children as well as the church. His funeral was conducted at the Piney Grove Church of God by his pastor, Brother M. B. Norris. He was buried in the Odum cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

—Mrs. Shelly Ogden

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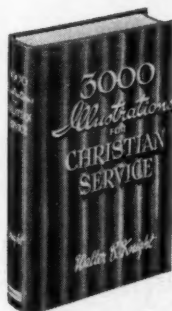
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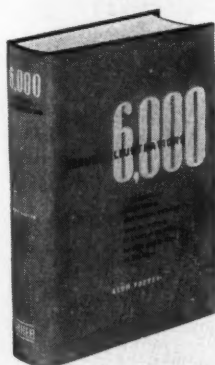
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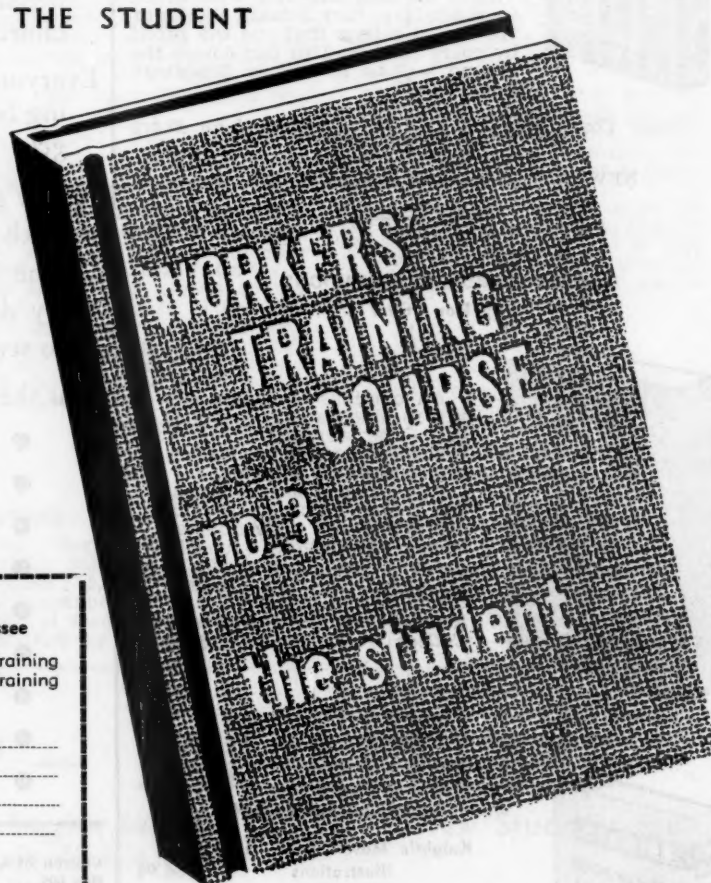
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